

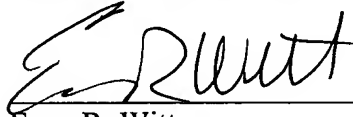
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-5 have been deleted. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects the invention of Group II, claims 6-20, drawn to a punching apparatus. In response to the species election, Applicant elects species A, the embodiment of Figure 3(a). Applicant submits that claims 6-15 read on the elected species. Applicant submits that claim 6 is generic to all species. Applicant understands that upon allowance of a generic claim, the Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to the additional species.

If the Examiner requires any further information he is requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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